

**HB 951: YOU ASKED, WE ANSWERED:**

It's Time to Let HB951 Go to a Vote

To Senator Kim Ward: it is time to let HB 951 go to a vote. You have asked many questions about a potential revival window in Pennsylvania, including:

- **What purpose does a window serve?**

On May 19, 2021, CHILD USA published and shared a [Position Paper](#) on revival windows, addressing your questions on:

- current research explaining the impact of abuse on victims and the scientific reality of delayed disclosure;
- a history of statute of limitations reform in the United States;
- the **three compelling purposes served by creating a window** for survivors;
- and an in-depth analysis of the constitutionality of revival laws in Pennsylvania.

- **What are other states doing about statute of limitations reform?**

In almost all of CHILD USA's statute of limitations reform documents, we cite to [a tracker that follows legislative reform](#) happening in each state during the legislative session, and to a [report on the history of statute of limitations reform](#) to provide a national context for what states are reforming their laws.

- **What is the constitutionality of other revival windows?**

On May 20, 2021, we provided your office with [analysis of other revival windows](#), whether they were challenged, and whether and why they were upheld as constitutional.

- **What is the caselaw in Pennsylvania addressing revival of civil claims?**

On May 25, 2021, we provided your office with a [bulleted list of caselaw](#) showing that it is constitutional to create a revival window in Pennsylvania.

Senator Kim Ward, it is time to do your job. Bring HB 951 to the floor for a vote, and allow victims their opportunity to access long-awaited justice.



Sincerely,



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